(b) In so far as the Ministry of Rural Development is concerned, while no officer was sent on foreign posting/ foreign assignment during the last five years, the services of three officers were sent, on request, to Inter-Governmental/International Organisations. None of the three officers belongs to SCs/STs.

Regulation of Traffic on Delhi Roads

*732. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD. Will the Minister of HOME-AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review provisions contained in Regulation 30(I) of Delhi Control of Vehicular and other Traffic on Roads and Streets Regulations, 1980; and

(b) if so, as to why Traffic Police has not considered desirable to ban heavy traffic going inside the residential colony of Shalimar Bagh adjacent to roads of AD/AC/AB/BK Blocks in day and night and divert them through Ring Road since the actual space between the roads is less than 7 meters as 1/3rd of the road is occupied by parking vehicles and pedestrain path is encroched/ allotted by MCD under Tehbajari?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Delhi Police have, in exercise of the powers conferred under Regulation 30(I) of Delhi Control of Vehicular and other Traffic on Roads and Streets Regulations, 1980 prohibited the movement of heavy goods vehicles from 7.30 A.M. to 9.30 PM on internal roads of less than 7 meters width in the residential areas of Delhi. However, the road adjacent to AD/AC/AB/BK Blocks in Shalimar Bagh being 25 meters wide does not fall within the purview of the said prohibitory order. It is otherwise also not advisable to restrict movement of heavy goods vehicles on this road as it serves as the main link between Kela Godown and Ring Road for supply of essential goods to West and South Districts of Delhi.

Financial Crunch in Power Sector

*733. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Budget support to power units down" as reported in the 'Business Standard' dated 3rd March, 2000;

(b) whether the budget support given to public sector undertakings in the power sector has gone down by nearly Rs. 230 crores;

(c) if so, whether the public sector undertakings under his Ministry would be affected adversely; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to face the financial crunch?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Net Budgetary Support (NBS) for the power Sector has been increasing. NBS (BE) for the last three years is as under :—

(Rs. in Crores)

1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
1804.18	1974.73	2086.99

(c) and (d) In view of the above, questions do not arise.

Scientific Method of Interrogation

*734. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to introduce more scientific method for interrogation of suspects by the police;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, in what way Government plan to completely avoid death in police custody?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) "Public Order" and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and, as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Interrogation of suspects involved in crimes is part of investigation.

Government of India has been providing financial assistance under the scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces to State Governments to enable them to procure Scientific equipments which will help in the interrogation of suspects by the Police. Such gadgets as the lie-detector, etc., are now available with State Police Forces to help in scientific interrogation. Forensic Laboratories are also being set up in all States to facilitate use of scientific methods.

Moreover, the Government of India has been sending advisories to the State Governments, from time to time, to the effect that their police personnel